

Free Church General Assembly.

This Assembly met on the 23rd ult. Dr. Roxburgh of Glasgow was chosen Moderator. During the opening service, Dr. Clason, senior clerk, was prostrated with illness. The missionary contributions of the church amounted to £20,000. Favourable reports were received as to the state of religion. The Jewish Missions were found in a hopeful state. Rev. Dr. Duff was appointed to the chair of Evangelistic Theology. The whole income of the church during the year was £369,104 sterling. Deputies attended the Assembly from the Old and New School Assemblies, and other American churches. The case of the Rev. Walter Smith came before the Assembly. It ended in censure of Mr. Smith's sermons. The Equal Dividend amounted to £144. An effort is to be made to raise the stipends to a minimum of £200. The question of union occasioned a long and able debate. Dr. Begg's motion, which was adverse to the proposed union, received 61 votes. Dr. Candlish's motion in favour of going forward, was carried by a majority of 346 to 120.—Dr. Duff submitted the Foreign Mission report: The number of Christian agents employed by the committee in India and Africa is 281. About 10,000 scholars are under instruction. The ordinary revenue of the scheme for the past year amounted to £14,408 8s. 9d., which with contributions from the Ladies Society for Female Education in India and Kaffaria and Australia, gave a grand total income for 1866-7 of £31,829 8s. 9½d.—Drs. Begg, Gibson, and several other members of the Committee on Union resigned, and their places were supplied by new names, such as Dr. Duff, Dr. Blaikie, &c. The Assembly on the whole was a most interesting one.

Established Church of Scotland.

Rev. Dr. Crawford was chosen Moderator. The Colonial Committee's income during the year was £4,447. The amount raised for Foreign Missions was £4,427. A disputed settlement case occupied a whole day. The Presbytery of Greenock was ordered to settle a presantee over an objecting congregation. A long debate took place on the subject of Patronage. A motion to seek some improvement on the present law was lost by a majority of two, the vote being 126 to 124.—A deputation was appointed to visit India, one member to be Dr. Norman Macleod.

Old School Presbyterian Assembly, United States.

This large and influential body met at Cincinnati. The troubles and difficulties arising from the late war have not yet wholly disappeared. A considerable section

of the Kentucky brethren has fallen away from the Assembly. The division extends more or less through all the border states. It is owing to the old leaven of slavery.—The Missions of this Church at home and abroad are flourishing. A Report in favor of Re-Union was favourably received, only four or five voting against it upon the first division. Two delegates from the Free Church of Scotland—Principal Fairbairn, and Mr. Wells—were present at the Assembly and delivered addresses. They were most cordially received. There were present also delegates from the Irish Presbyterian Church.

New School Assembly, U.S.

This Assembly met at Rochester, and was larger than usual. The "New School" has long been distinguished for zeal in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Great prominence was given to the work of Home Missions and the erection of churches in destitute localities; also to the importance of proper Sabbath School training. A special committee was appointed to superintend the work of evangelization among Freedmen.—The presence and the addresses of the delegates from the Irish Presbyterian Church and the Free Church of Scotland were among the most interesting incidents of the recent meeting of the Assembly. Bringing as they did the hearty congratulations of those Christian bodies to their brethren in America, with the wish for a closer and more intimate acquaintance the delegates received a very cordial welcome. While they imparted much valuable information respecting their own Church enterprises, especially with respect to their methods of supplementing the salaries of ministers in rural districts and on home mission fields, and their great success in reclaiming the degraded population of large cities; they were free to acknowledge their pleasure at what they had already witnessed of the American modes of evangelization. Their remarks on the subject of the union of Presbyterians in this country, and their efforts to secure the same object across the water, were listened to with evident satisfaction. As the Moderator in reply remarked, we are realizing by these interchanges of fraternal greetings the blessed communion of saints, and we cannot avoid feeling that we were all one in Christ.

The proposed Union with the Old School was most favourably received in this Assembly.

United Presbyterian Assembly.

This court met at Xenia, Ohio. Dr. Dales of Philadelphia was elected Moderator. The "irrepressible organ" is creeping into this church and causing trouble. This